

## Education, A Work of Resurrection



**Leader:** We adore you, Lord Jesus, and we praise you.

**All:** Through your passion and cross you have redeemed the world.

**Leader:** Jesus is the Lord; He is risen from the dead.

**All:** If Christ is not risen, our faith is in vain.

**Leader:** Our Founder, Father Basil Moreau, urged us “to take in hand this work of Resurrection” because “Once Jesus is known and loved in the world, everything will be renewed. The light of his Gospel will scatter the darkness of the times.”

**Reader:** A reading from the *Constitutions of the Congregation of Holy Cross, Constitution 8, The Cross, Our Hope.*

Resurrection for us is a daily event. We have stood watch with persons dying in peace; we have witnessed wonderful reconciliations; we have known the forgiveness of those who misuse their neighbor; we have seen heartbreak and defeat lead to a transformed life; we have heard the conscience of an entire church stir; we have marveled at the insurrection of justice. We know that we walk by Easter’s first light, and it makes

us long for its fullness.

**Leader:** Let us pray *Psalm 148* together:

Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
give praise in the heights.  
Praise him, all you angels;  
give praise, all you hosts.  
Praise him, sun and moon;  
give praise, all shining stars.  
Praise him, highest heavens,  
you waters above the heavens.  
Let them all praise the Lord's name;  
for the Lord commanded and they were created,

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There stood by the cross of Jesus his mother Mary, who knew grief and was a lady of Sorrows. She is our special patroness, a woman who bore much she could not understand and who stood fast. To her many sons and daughters, whose devotions ought to bring them often to her side, she tells much of this daily cross and its daily hope.

**Leader:** We continue together:

Praise the Lord from the earth,  
you sea monsters and all deep waters;  
You lightning and hail, snow and clouds,  
storm winds that fulfill his command;  
You mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars;  
You animals wild and tame,  
you creatures that crawl and fly;  
You kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all who govern on earth;  
Young men and women too,  
old and young alike.  
Let them all praise the Lord's name,  
for his name alone is exalted,  
majestic above earth and heaven.

**Leader:** Let us praise Our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All:** And given Him thanks. Amen.